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Special point of interest:

From July 2003 to June 2004 there were 884,952 hits to the Division's web-site, or an average of 73,746 a day.



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September 17, 2004 - Direct Care Worker Day

as proclaimed by

Governor Janet Napolitano

Direct Care Worker Recognition – Winners Announced



The Division in partnership with contracted agency staff, individual provider employers, Division staff, consumers and family members selected **Nora Carver-Kubik** as winner from 110 nominees in the Division's First Annual Arizona Direct Care Worker of the Year Award for 2004. Nora, who provides services through S.E.E.K. (Specializing in the Education of Exceptional Kids), was selected for her outstanding attributes in the categories of care provided, communication, advocacy and professional poise. As the winner, she represented Arizona at the 2004 Direct Care Alliance National Conference, September 18 - 20, 2004 in Washington, D.C. Nora expressed her appreciation in being selected and she found the conference very inspiring.

Jesus Manriquez came in as the runner-up. He is employed by the Division and works at the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC). Through scholarships and community support, Jesus was able to attend the Conference also. He found the Conference sessions on body language the most interesting.

Also honored were independent providers, **Susann Rezniczek** and **Carmen Clemente**. All four were honored at a reception presented by Nelba Chavez, Deputy Director and David A. Berns, Director on September 10.

Congratulations to all who were nominated!



Ric Zaharia, Nelba Chavez, Jesus Manriquez, Nora Carver-Kubik, Susanna Rezniczek, Carmen Clemente and David Berns.
Photograph by José Castro-Palomino

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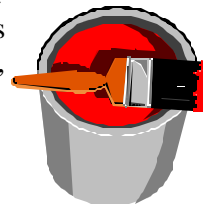
Lead Screening – at 12 and 24 months of age

By Jane Lange, RN, Managed Care Operations

Lead poisoning is still a threat to the health of children in Arizona. High levels of lead can cause serious brain damage, convulsions, coma and even death. Low levels can cause problems with learning, hearing, growth and behavior. Although blood lead levels in the United States have declined, lead exposure continues to be of great concern. Exposure to lead-based paint, used on houses built before 1978, is the most common cause of poisoning. Dust from peeling paint can get on a child's hands, toys or other objects that the child then puts into his/her mouth. Imported pottery is also a common source of lead in Arizona. For more

than two decades, there have been bans on both leaded gasoline and lead-based paint, but high-blood lead levels continue to be detected.

Federal law requires that all children eligible for Arizona Long Term Care Services (ALTCS) receive a test for screening blood lead at age 12 months and again at age 24 months. Those children who have not had a test done at these ages should have one done, up to the age of six.



Fiscal Intermediary Services – Consumers Using Independent Providers

By Antonia Valladares, Business Operations

The Division is proceeding to implement the fiscal intermediary service after the first of the year for consumers who use independent providers and use multiple providers. Provider agencies will be receiving more information in November/December via an email notice.

Meetings for consumers using independent providers have been conducted statewide with the final meetings being scheduled for Maricopa County in November. If you are a consumer using independent provider(s), have questions or live outside Maricopa County and have not attended a meeting, please contact your District Office.

Update on Dental Care – New Contract with Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health

The Division has developed a new contract with the new Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health to provide assessment, dental care, and oral health for individuals with developmental disabilities who are served by the Division. The Dean of the School, Dr. Jack Dillenberg, in partnership with Kneka Smith, Project Manager, Robert Klaehn, M.D., Division's Medical Director and Louette Coulson, RN, Division's Managed Care Operations Administrator, are working to improve oral health care delivery. Dental student training materials of basic science knowledge concerning the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities is being developed. The School is discussing outreach dentistry training to practitioners and allied dental professionals across the state.

In addition, the Arizona School of Dentistry is building a clinical building for dentists-in-waiting to take advantage of "hands-on" training experiences. It is anticipated services for individuals served by the Division will begin in the Fall of 2005.

